

# Durham Neighborhood College

## *Enlightening and Empowering Citizens to Build a Better Durham*

Durham Neighborhood College offers a unique opportunity for Durham citizens to learn about the organization, operations and services of their local government. Jointly sponsored by Durham City and County governments, the program consists of interactive sessions facilitated by various local government officials. A wealth of information is provided to empower participants to play a more active role in their neighborhoods and the Durham community.



### *Schedule & Curriculum*

Durham Neighborhood College offers two sessions per year - a fall class (September - November) and a spring class (February - April). Over a nine-week period, classes are usually held weekly from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at City and County facilities. A light dinner is provided. The curriculum includes the following series of topics:

- Introduction to City & County Services
- Neighborhoods
- Public Safety - Durham Police Department
- Public Safety - Office of the Sheriff
- Emergency Services
- Health & Human Services
- Community & Workforce Development
- Environment
- Budget and Finance
- Tour of Durham and Graduation Ceremony



**Eligibility Criteria** - To be considered, an applicant must be:

- A resident of Durham (County or City)
- Current in payment of vehicle and property taxes (at the time of application).
- Committed to attend at least 8 of the 10 sessions.

### *Cost*

There is a \$25 fee for participants selected. A limited number of scholarships are available.

### *Selection Process*

Space is limited to 25 participants for each session. Applications will be selected to create a diverse participant population from as many Durham neighborhoods as possible. Of the 25 slots, five are designated for youth applicants (ages 15 to 20) and five are designated for Partners Against Crime (PAC) members. Applicants who are not selected for a particular session will be put on a waiting list with weighted consideration for future sessions.

### *How to Apply*

During the recruitment period, applications are available at the Durham County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, 200 East Main St, second floor. Applications can also be downloaded from the City's website at [www.durhamnc.gov](http://www.durhamnc.gov) or the County website at [www.durhamcountync.gov](http://www.durhamcountync.gov).



For information, call the City of Durham Office of Public Affairs at 560-4123 or the County of Durham Public Information Office at 560-0000.

